the Peshawar-based Islamic Unity of the Afghan Mujahadcen (IUAM). Government have normal diplomatic relations witli the legally constituted existing Government in Afghanistan, and no relations with any other so-called "Interim Government".

Foreign investment policy for Hotel Projects

2288. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM he pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign investment policy for hotel projects is suffering due to non-availability of land;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of applications lying pending from international hotel chains and Non-Resident Indians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are no applications pending from International hotel chains and Non-Resident Indians.

New Health Schemes for Retired Railway Employees

2289. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced some new health schemes for the retired railway employees in the country;

(h|) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government also propose to give some incentives to the retiring railway employees to ensure better living conditions like housing after their retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A new Health Scheme known as Retired Employees Liberalised Health Scheme has been introduced w.e.f. 28.9.88.

(b) The optees of this scheme are pro vided free treatment for self, spouse and widowed mother, and concessional treat ment for dependent children and depen dent parents in railway hospitals and railway health units against a one-tima payment equal to one month's basic pay drawn at the time of retirement, provision also exists in the scheme for reimburse ment of a portion of expenditure incurr ed for treatment in Government hospitals| medical colleges in cases referred by the nominated Medical Officers.

(c) Railway Ministry normally adopts the proposals of the concerned nodal Ministries in Government of India. As re gards housing, to help the railway em ployees in the construction of their houses, the Railway Ministry is examining the feasibility of setting up an independent apex body, to assist the railway employees in acquisition of land, its development, and other activities related to construc tion, on a self-financing basis. This should help in the contraction of a house for the family after the employee's retirement.

Complimentary j free passes for train journey

2290. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the number of complimentary|free passes in existence for train journey and what is the total value of these passes, yearwise, for the last one decade, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Presumably the reference relies to Complimentary Card Passe$_s$ granted to non-Railwaymen]